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SUBJ: MBFR ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP MEETING AUGUST 21: NATO BUILDING

BEGIN SUMMARY: BELGIAN REP REPORTED THAT AUSTRIANS WILL PROBABLY NOT MAKE FINAL DECISION ON AVAILABILITY OF SCHOTTENRING BUILDING UNTIL EARLY SEPTEMBER, BUT THAT THERE WAS ONLY A SLIGHT CHANCE THAT THE ANSWER WOULD BE POSITIVE. MBFR ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP ACCEPTED HIS RECOMMENDATION THAT NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF SEND A THREE-TO-FOUR MAN DELEGATION TO VIENNA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO INVESTIGATE OTHER PROSPECTIVE LOCATIONS. SEE SEPTELS FOR DISCUSSION OF NATO ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT STAFF AND TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES.  
END SUMMARY

1. BELGIAN REP (WILLOT) REPORTED TO ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WERE STILL AWAITING AUSTRIA'S RESPONSE ON AVAILABILITY

OF SCHOTTENRING BUILDING AS PREMISES FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF NATO SYG AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES PLUS ELEMENTS

OF ALLIED DELEGATIONS. THE AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES WERE STILL WAITING FOR THE MINISTER OF CULTURE TO RETURN FROM VACATION TO DETERMINE DEFINITELY WHETHER THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE SCHOTTEN-  
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RING AVAILABLE TO NATO INSTEAD OF USING IT AS A UNIVERSITY BUILDING. AUSTRIAN MFA THINKS THAT NATO HAS ONLY A 10 PCT CHANGE OF A DECISION IN ITS FAVOR.

2. WILLOT DISCUSSED THE PROS AND CONS OF TWO OTHER POSSIBLE SITES, AT RENNWEG 3 AND AT SCHLOSS STRASSE 42. HE ALSO SAID IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO USE APARTMENT BUILDING NEXT TO U.S. EMBASSY. NATO SECURITY DIRECTOR ABIDIAN AND UK REP EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER SECURITY PROBLEMS CREATED BY LOCATION OF RENNWEG 3 BUILDING NEXT TO YUGOSLAVIAN

EMBASSY.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP AGREED WITH WILLOT'S SUGGESTION THAT THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF BEGIN PROMPTLY TO LOOK INTO ALTERNATIVE SITES FOR THE NATO BUILDING, IN VIEW OF HIGH PROBABILITY THAT THE SCHOTTENRING BUILDING WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE. THE GROUP'S CHAIRMAN (SEKERIS) AGREED TO SEND A THREE-TO-FOUR MAN TEAM TO VIENNA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO EXAMINE OTHER PROSPECTIVE SITES AND REPORT BACK TO THE GROUP. SEKERIS HOPED THAT THIS REPORT WOULD BE AVAILABLE DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER.

4. COMMENT: WE WILL TRANSMIT TO EMBASSY VIENNA A LIST OF BUILDINGS WHICH THE BELGIAN AUTHORITIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF HAVE UNDER CONSIDERATION AS ALTERNATIVE SITES AND HOPE THAT THE EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE TO THE NATO I.S. TEAM IF REQUESTED.

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